that four sisters namely Kesharbai, Meenabai, Hemlatabai and Minakshibai committed suicide on 7-4-2000 at Kohaka Road, Bhilai, Distt. Durg, Madhya Pradesh. Although the parents had contracted *inter-caste* marriage, it is not true that they committed suicide on account of their parents having done so and that they were obsessed with social frustration.

(b) and (c) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of implementation of Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1995 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, Central assistance is released to the State Governments (50 : 50) and Union Territory Administrations (100%) to support measure undertaken by them which inter alia include incentive to inter -caste married couples. During 1999-2000, Central Assistance amounting to Rs. 732.96 lakhs released to Government of Madhya Pradesh included assistance for various measures, such as Incentive to *Inter-Caste* Married couples, Gram Panchayat Award for eradicating untouchability, Sadbhawana Camp and Publicity for removing untouchability.

Non-Availability of Hindi Typewriters

†4500. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the offices under her Ministry which don't have a single Hindi typewriter, so far;

(b) the reasons for not purchasing the Hindi typewriter there, so far; and

(c) the action taken to ensure the compliance of targets fixed for the purchase of Hindi typewriters by the Department of Official Language in its annual Hindi programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) All the offices under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment have Hindi typewriters.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Ministry has stopped purchasing both manual and electronic typewriters. Instead computers are being purchased. All efforts are being made to provide hindi software in all the computers.

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†Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.